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Oct 26 - Sunday - CO -
final notes - V. Nam:

{Earlier comments - a effort of withdrawal}

(Report again Dec 15)

We put into effect a plan to end the war -
1. The plan has been working -
2. It is the right plan -
3. We shall continue -
4. It will succeed -

Peace without Defeat - (yes / no)

Progress in Vietnamization has exceeded our expectations.
① Progress in level of activity - has exceeded -
② Progress in negotiations has not -

If enemy a risk takes advantage - by ~~endangering~~ escalating
1. It will be their fault, not ours -
2. We ~~shall~~ have the means to resort + I shall not hesitate to use those means - more effectively than we have in the past
This is not a threat - this is a statement of fact policy and designed to ~~keep conflict~~ continue deescalate ~~from~~ + bring war to end.
@. We have a plan - the enemy has been informed of that plan -

Soviet: Indicated willingness - Except ~~shoot~~ table -
1. ~~[illegible]~~ Peace for no action - we can't say -
2. The interests of both will ~~have~~ be served by removing this issue:
③ Some Soviet help we shall end war -
④ With it it could end soon
If they are unable or unwilling. the onus is theirs -

Intro:
@ This war for 5 years - American people are entitled to know
@ Why we are there -
What we found -
What we have done -
What we plan do do for peace -
~~[illegible]~~ {I take unprecedented step providing some of secret contents -}
The issue is not peace
" " - end the war -
the issue is end the war in order to win the peace -

Wilson - not war to end war
but would ~~[illegible]~~ have
been war -

Roosevelt - Hopes - not neutral - the Nazi

We have had a number of [illegible] -
① Secty of State - do -
② Purpose to open other channel - ~~and~~ take it out of propaganda forum
& get them in a peace forum

Texas did not engulf world
L.B.J. - Dunn -

Whether Peace or freedom survive depends on
decision here -
① If depends on surrender = ~~[illegible]~~ more than before
never before
entirely - control over
② People [illegible] - ~~[illegible]~~ Power in U.S. -
① Policy not made in streets
It is made by elections -
If I fail - I ~~should be~~ expect to be defeated -

We shall have set backs -

David
Time is not on their side -
① As S.V. Nam gets stronger the price gets higher -
positive momentum established. (page 2 Lines)
If We take risks:
1. Enemy will escalate -

Development of S.E. Asia - often hostilities are
Candor - avoid over & optimistic forecasts -
- can now base optimism on reports
of facts not wishes -

Rogers
A Peace Policy - not a War Policy -
S.V. Nam Govt not representative.
① It is elected - No elections in North
② It is willing to submit facts to election.
We shall take sensible but not imprudent risks.
A sacrifice of other objectives in V. Nam. - a disorderly world
disorganized & disregard for consequences would
during conflict of other nations in U.S. - [illegible] not differ -
a Communist Asia - or
a free Asia make a difference

Enemy should not miscalculate

① Our withdrawal is from strength not weakness -
② It is planned - not affected helter skelter
without affected by propaganda -
③ It will continue - It will succeed -
④ Time is not on their side - pains among people -
① as S. V. Nam gets stronger - their
position becomes weaker -

Mention Speech on Vietnamization. - (after his trip)
① Program exceeded our expectation.

Veared Speech - with caution - ! (no State Department or Theirs)

Peace with Honor - or Peace with humiliation
End War - to Win the Peace - or lose the Peace -

War waged on many fronts -
We wage peace on many fronts -

We discuss anything - peace fair to both - They nothing but our defeat -

I could end the war - blame it on my predecessor -
- get credit now in landslide -
~~position is not~~ what matter is not
while here - but
while here - come out right.

One year ago - stopped the bombing -
① Since then negotiate.

~~The War had been Americanized~~ -
Time to Vietnamize it. -
War had been escalated - ~~to~~ time to deescalate -
~~War had~~ War had been going in - time to bring out -
"Sons - V Nam" - big boys here -

TRANSCRIPTION FOLLOWS

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Decision is theirs –

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Division in U.S.
(1) People march
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Laird

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or Thieu)

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